

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Chinese Communist
military buildup
in Strait area

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] evidence of a major military buildup in the coastal area opposite Taiwan. At least five infantry divisions are being deployed into the area. These divisions have apparently had some sort of special status in the past, perhaps because they had been given a priority on modern equipment. We are accumulating evidence which suggests the involvement of a number of other units.

b. We are also beginning to see what looks like preparations for an accompanying air buildup. At least three airfields in the area are apparently being reactivated; two of these became operational during the Strait crisis in 1958. The only unusual naval activity noted to date is the presence--as yet not firmly established--in the area of two submarines. This would be the first time Chinese submarines have ventured this far south.

c. Thus, with evidence coming in that a new force, possibly elite and specially equipped, may be forming in the Strait area, we cannot discount the possibility of offensive action against the offshore islands. We are still more inclined to believe these moves are a reaction to Nationalist preparations, of which the Communists must surely be aware. We note the absence to date of a build-up in "external menace" propaganda which we would expect to precede a military adventure designed to distract attention from internal troubles. [REDACTED]

2. Laos

a. Plans are for the new government to be presented to the King next Monday in Vientiane and for the first cabinet meeting to be held immediately thereafter, also in Vientiane. 50X1

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3. Peru

Results of the election are still not clear. However, the armed forces, having decided that election of Belaunde is best for the country, evidently mean to ensure that one way or another this will be the outcome. They have told Belaunde he will win by 40,000 votes, 50X1

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Haya's party has threatened a general strike if Haya loses through fraud, and, as the party controls most of Peruvian labor, any strike called would probably be effective. Widespread civil disturbances are a real possibility. 50X1

4. Kuwait



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5. South Vietnam

[redacted]
[redacted] the first
time [redacted] presence in South Vietnam of
North Vietnamese Army headquarters
above battalion level. [redacted]
[redacted] personnel subordinate
to the two regimental headquarters [redacted]
[redacted] --both in the northern
half of the country--were North Viet-
namese Army regulars. [redacted]
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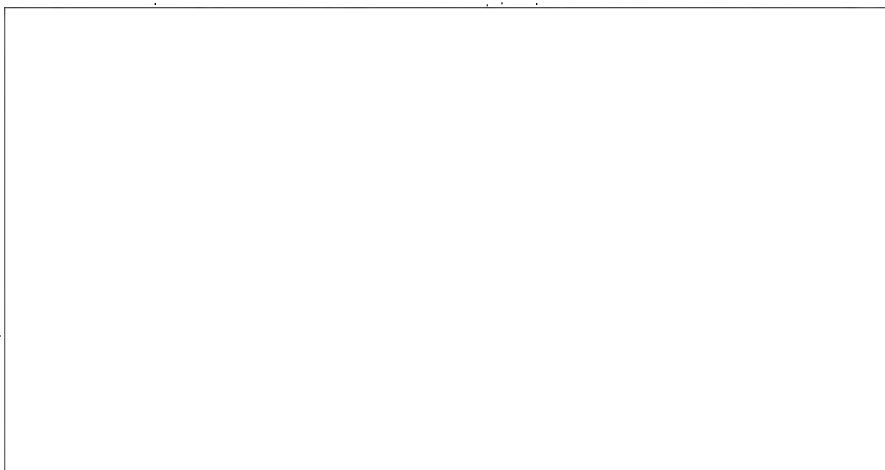
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6. Algeria



NOTES

- A. South Korean Prime Minister Song Yo Chan, responding to our representations, says he will remain on as Prime Minister for the time being. Mutual suspicions within the ruling junta remain, however, and the chances for political stability in the coming weeks are still not good.
- B. East German police authorities believe tension is rising over the food situation. The populace is apparently convinced the regime will, as usual, follow Moscow's lead and raise food prices. This has led to panic buying, rumors of rationing, and long disorderly queues. [REDACTED] 50X1
- C. As expected, the East Germans [REDACTED] 50X1
[REDACTED] have registered a strong protest against Adenauer's 50X1
plan to visit West Berlin on 17 June. They contend his use of
a western military aircraft for this purpose would be a
flagrant abuse of the air corridors.
- D. In the already highly charged atmosphere, further public disorders seem likely to follow President Betancourt's public promise yesterday to move against the two far-left parties and their deputies in congress.

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DOCUMENT OF INTEREST

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